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The August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center

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The Jay Henges Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center

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## ***It's Summer and Time for Camp!!!!***

*By Tony Legg, Busch Outdoor Education Center Supervisor*

Get off the couch, turn off the TV and computer, put down the video game controllers and head to the outdoors. Many individuals have great memories of summer camp and fun activities they enjoyed. The St. Louis region has many opportunities for our youth to get involved in activities and make the summer memorable for them.



Both Busch and Henges Shooting Ranges & Outdoor Education Centers will be offering several summer day camps for youth ages 11 and up.

These camps cover a multitude of outdoor activities and great educational opportunities. Camp registration is on a first come first serve basis and free of charge.

These facilities will be each offering a week long Youth Hunter Education Day Camp. These camps allow the attendee to become Missouri Hunter Education Certified and enjoy actual hands on activities that allow practical application of the course. This includes shooting archery equipment, black powder muzzle loaders, shotguns, .22 cal rifles, and many more fun activities.

Busch will be holding their first "Girls Only Outdoor Skills Day Camp", their 3rd annual Youth Outdoor Skills Day Camp both a week long, and two day camps for the Youth Technology and Education Center "YTEC" program of St. Louis. Henges will once again hold their extremely popular and traditional Youth Hunter Education Challenge Day Camp.



These camps vary in activities and may include wildlife wood working projects, bird and game calling, map and compass, canoeing, hiking, campfire building, wildlife ID, birding, backpacking, fishing, conservation issues, archery, high power rifle, shotgun, & black powder muzzle loading rifle shooting, trapping, and many more topics.

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Camps will be conducted with MDC Staff, Hunter Education Certified Instructors, and guest speakers from the area. All youth will receive camp t-shirts and a Special Friday Graduation Lunch. Youth will need to bring a sack lunch and a drink for Monday through Thursday. Each individual will require a medical release form filled out before camp. For more information review the program listing in this newsletter, or web sites and/or call (636) 441-4554 to register. Camp sizes are limited.

## Doubles unveiled at Henges

By Bob Campbell, Henges Range Assistant

Well it's summer and trap shooters hit the ranges heavily and stay longer with the warm weather. However, trap shooters shooting only singles or handicap need to broaden their shooting experiences and break up the monotony. Double trap the third game in Trap fits the bill to broaden your shooting bag. Bird hunters/wingshooters should already be thinking about dove season that's just around the corner. Double trap can better prepare you for those multiple rising bird shots and covey flushes. Doubles is an exciting and great game to further enjoy any shotgun shooting experience.

Shotgun shooting and the shotgun sports are among the most popular life long sports enjoyed by adults, youth, men and women alike. Double trap is shot by college teams throughout the US. During the past Olympics there were 17 shooting events, the US's own 25 year old Kimberly Rhode took the gold medal for Women's Double Trap. Kimberly got started shooting shotgun sports at the age of 13 and became captain of the All American Team at 14.

The Jay Henges Shooting Range will now be offering this new trap game for those looking to find a new opportunity to enjoy shotgunning. Henges has now converted trap field #2 over to a doubles trap field. This field will be only throwing doubles (2 birds same time) for the summer. A very short tutorial follows.



The doubles game is shot as follows: Each round of doubles will take 50 trap shells. The shot size should be 7 ½ or eight. A traditional round of doubles consists of five shooters shooting ten shells on each of the five stations. This rotation is completed for all five stations at the 16 yard line. Don't get hung up on the rotation, we will help you with it.

On stations 1 & 2 a **right handed** shooter should shoot the *right* bird first. This is your straightaway bird. You should position your gun low over the center of the house. Let the bird come out of the house and up under the muzzle of your gun, as soon as you see it shoot it. If you have the correct gun mount and gun point you should not have to move the muzzle more than a few inches to break this first bird. This first shot is a very quick shot which allows plenty of time for the second shot.

The second target should be slower and a more precise shot. On station 3 there are no straight-aways, they are both going away from you so it's your option which bird to shoot. Most right handed shooters shoot the right bird first, just like stations 1 and 2. It is a more natural swing for right handed shooters. On station 4 and 5, a **right handed** shooter should shoot the *left* bird first. This is the straightaway bird. The right bird is the slower more precise shot. If you are a **left handed** shooter just reverse the above instructions for each station.



The important thing about shooting doubles is you have all kinds of time to shoot the two birds, don't get excited and miss the first bird. The first bird is the most important bird, it sets your cadence for shooting the second bird. Another way to work this game is if you shoot and hit the first bird and miss the second one, you have just broke your first 25 straight birds.

This is a simple way to start breaking birds as you first get into the trap doubles game. So come by the Henges facility located at the Antire Road exit off of I-44 just east of Eureka and enjoy this shooting sport. All range use is on a first come, first serve basis, however we can set up special shoots with groups by reservations. For more information check out our web site or call (636) 938-9548. Shoot safe, but remember to have fun and good luck.

### DID YOU KNOW?

There are over 8-million clay target shooters.  
There are over 6,000 registered competition trapshoots in the United States alone.

### Frequently Asked Questions about Trapshooting

**Do women play the sport?** Absolutely! All ages. There are many women trap shooting and competing in competitions. Barbara Mandrell shoots and she has been responsible for introducing many women into the sport. Other celebrity women competitors include; Reba McEntire, Irlene and Louise Mandrell, Crystal Gale, Linda Davis, Dawn Wells (Mary Ann of "Gilligan's Island" movie), Leslie Easterbrook (of "Police Academy" movie) to name a few – shoot shotguns at little clay targets too. There are professional women trapshooters who compete in the major shoots nation wide. It's not a men only sport. (*cont' on page 6*)



# August A. Busch Memorial Outdoor Education Center

To Register for Programs/Classes Call (636) 441-4554

**ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS NOTED**

## JUNE PROGRAMS

### Beginning Skeet Shooting Wed 1<sup>st</sup> and Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> 6pm to 9pm each night



Course will cover and instruct shooters on the game of skeet shooting. This course does not include basic shotgun shooting or instruction. This program is for all individuals, with experience shooting and handling shotguns.

### Introduction to Canoeing Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 8am to 1pm



This short program will include information different types of canoes available, gear needed, how to read a stream, and types of paddle strokes used to control the canoe. We will then move to one of the lakes to practice actual hands on experience with the canoe, so dress appropriately. Prerequisites: Ages 13 and above only, ages 13 thru 15 must be accompanied by an adult. Participants must have the ability to swim and tread water.

### Fish Preparation and Deep Frying Wed 8<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 9pm



Filleting, skinning, de-scaling, breaded and battered, Missouri's fish can be prepared in all differing manner. Come and let us show you just a few of the ways to prepare your fresh fish for a great meal. We will also show how to use today's outdoor deep fryers and allow you to dine on some of Missouri's tastiest entrees.

### Pan Fishing Clinic Thu 9<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 9pm



Bluegill, Bream, Peach, Sunfish, Pumpkin Seed, Rock Bass, Shell Cracker; panfish are known by many names and species. How do you catch these fish and have some of the most enjoyment. Come let us fill you in on equipment, techniques, bait, lures, and how to hook these tough fighters. After a short classroom presentation we will move to one of our Busch Lakes for actual fishing fun. Attendees must meet license requirements.

### Missouri Bowhunter Education Certification Course Fri 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 9pm and Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 9am to 4pm



The Missouri Bowhunter Education Certification Course meets the requirements in states that mandate Bowhunter Education Certification. Program contents consist of the history of bowhunting, bowhunter ethics & responsibilities, hunt preparation, arrow dynamics, equipment, hunting techniques, shot placement, trailing techniques, bowhunter safety, tree stand set-up and safety, plus more.

### Intermediate Skeet Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 8am to 10am



This course is for shotgun shooters experienced in skeet shooting or have previously taken the MDC Shotgun Basics and Sport Shooting course. Clinic will focus on game improvement and working on techniques and problem areas of individuals. This course will not cover basic shotgun or beginning skeet techniques.

### Youth Hunter Education Certification Day Camp Mon 13<sup>th</sup> thru Fri 17<sup>th</sup> 9am to 3pm each day



Hunter Education Certification Youth Day Camp, open to ages 11 to 15 who have not passed the Missouri Hunter Education Course, youth must bring birth certificate to first day. Must attend all sessions and

pass test to receive certificate. Camp will cover Missouri's Hunter Education Course and provide hands on practical skills, i.e. .22 cal rifle, shotgun, & archery shooting, game calling, orienteering and more.

### Intermediate Trap Sat 18<sup>th</sup> 8am to 10am



This course is for shotgun shooters experienced in trap shooting or have previously taken the MDC Shotgun Basics and Sport Shooting course. Clinic will focus on game improvement and working on techniques and problem areas of individuals. This course will not cover basic shotgun or beginning trap techniques.

### Women's Introduction to Archery Sat 18<sup>th</sup> 9am to 12pm



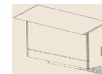
This course will cover the ABC's of the sport and conclude on the archery range with opportunities to shoot our equipment or your own. Open to women only, however young women under 16 must attend with an adult. MDC will provide all equipment for the course, however you may bring your own. If bringing your own equipment, arrows with target/field tips only.

### Father's Day Family Free Shooting Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 10am to 4pm



Families shoot for free when Dad comes to the range with the family to shoot on Father's Day. Families may shoot up to two hours on the 100 yard range, 2 rounds of trap or skeet per immediate family member, 2 hours on the shotgun patterning range, and 2 hours on the broadhead range free, (All single parent families shoot free too).

### Bat House Construction Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> 6pm to 9pm



Participants assemble/construct a bat house that has been pre-cut and take home with them along with the plans for building their own.

### .22 cal Rifle Plinking Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> 5pm to 8pm



This program is for experienced .22 caliber rifle shooters. We will cover the safety of shooting metal targets and then shoot a some of these targets. Shooters may bring their own rifles and ammunition, limited to .22 cal Short, Long, or Long Rifle ammunition only.

### "Girls Only" Outdoor Skills Day Camp Mon 27<sup>th</sup> thru Fri July 1<sup>st</sup> 9am to 3pm each day



A great way to get your youth exposed to more outdoor opportunities available in Missouri. This event is for graduates of the Missouri Hunter Education program, ages 11-15. Youth will participate in: advanced firearms shooting, archery, orienteering, fishing, wood working for wildlife, camp fire building, and many other hands on activities. Topics to be covered include: wildlife biology and management, hunting whitetail deer, wild turkey, waterfowl, small game, upland game, predator hunting and furbearer trapping and more. Camp is free and has a limited number of openings. Prerequisites: Youth must be 11 to 15 years of age and have their Hunter Education Certificate. Youth need to bring sack lunch and drink Monday thru Thursday, lunch provided on Friday.

...The average American township has lost a score of plants and animals through indifference for every one it has lost through necessity...Aldo Leopold

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## JULY PROGRAMS

### Missouri Hunter Education Certification Course

Tue 5<sup>th</sup> thru Thu 7<sup>th</sup>

5:30pm to 9:30pm each night

Have problems making weekend courses, want to miss the crowds? This class is for you, held on three consecutive week nights for those with busy weekends and tight schedules. Hunter Education Must attend all three nights and pass test.



### Beginning Trap

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 9pm and

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 8am to 10am

This course does not include basic shotgun shooting or instruction. This program is for individuals with experience shooting and handling shotguns. Course will cover and instruct shooters on the game of trap shooting.



### Youth Outdoor Skills Camp

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup>

9am to 3pm

A great way to get your youth exposed to more outdoor opportunities available in Missouri. This event is for graduates of the Missouri Hunter Education program, ages 11-15. Youth will participate in: advanced firearms shooting, archery, orienteering, fishing, wood working for wildlife, camp fire building, and many other hands on activities. Topics to be covered include: wildlife biology and management, hunting whitetail deer, wild turkey, waterfowl, small game, upland game, predator hunting and furbearer trapping and more. Camp is free and has a limited number of openings. Prerequisites: Youth must be 11 to 15 years of age and have their Hunter Education Certificate.



### Paraffin Candle Making Program

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 9am to 11am

Making paraffin candles has long been a traditional and historical craft dating back to the earliest settlers and beyond. Interested and how candles are made and how to make your own modern day candles for decorating and providing varying fragrances. Come and spend a day with professional Kerri Mills of Candles, Gifts & More, as she takes you through the steps and you create your own works of art.



### Gel Candle Making Program

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am to 1:30pm

Making candles has long been a traditional and historical craft dating back to the earliest settlers and beyond. Interested and how candles are made and how to make your own modern day candles for decorating and providing varying fragrances. Come and spend a day with professional Kerri Mills of Candles, Gifts & More, as she takes you through the steps and you create your own works of art.



### Women's Introduction to Archery Basics

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am to 12pm

This course will cover the ABC's of the sport and conclude on the archery range with opportunities to shoot our equipment or your own. Open to women only, however young women under 16 must attend with an adult. MDC will provide all equipment for the course, however you may bring your own.



### \*\*\*MDC Outdoor Adventures Expo\*\*\*

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> 9am to 4pm

Come see what Missouri Outdoor Product Manufacturer's, Conservation Organizations, Guides, Outfitters, Dog Trainers, Horses, First Aid, Caving Clubs, Fishing Clubs, Fly Tying, Camping, Hiking, Biking, ATVs, Duck Calls, Universities, Optical, Retail Specialty Stores and other outdoor related companies have to promote and help Missourians enjoy our great outdoors. This FREE one day event will highlight Missouri's outdoor community and gives an opportunity to visit and talk with the experts on hiking, camping, backpacking, canoeing, clothing, natural products, wildlife habitat, archery, hunting, fishing, biking, Katy Trail, shooting, birding, outdoor accessories and much, much more. Daisy Corp will be bringing air rifles for the kids to shoot and there will also be archery shooting for the kids, plus many other product demos. No commercial sales may take place on MDC property, this is a chance to get information, literature, and questions answered in an unpressured setting. So come out to the Busch Area, enjoy the outdoors and meet many of those out to help with your outdoor enjoyment.



### Range Rule to Remember....

*By Jim Engel, Henges Range Officer*

### "Shoot only at designated targets."

During normal public shooting hours, the designated targets are bullseye, "dots" or animal images on paper targets. We provide 1" grid bullseye targets free to all shooters. One role the MDC ranges play is to provide a safe place for hunters and potential hunters to fine tune their firearms to shoot accurately. Targets with 1", 1/2", or even 1/4" grids provide the necessary increments to zero firearms.

Paper is the designated medium allowed for targets during public shooting. Scraps of paper targets are bio degradable and don't require any cleanup. There are no ricochets off of paper. Your zone of fire is directly straight down your lane. We don't want you hitting another shooter's target with an unintended crossfire.

## Busch Range Summer Hours

Friday thru Monday - 10am to 4pm

**Tuesdays - 2pm to 8pm**

**Workers, Families wanting to get away, come on out to the range on Tuesday evenings and have fun.**

**Closed all Wednesdays, Thursdays, State and Federal**

**Holidays along with June 4th**

**"No Private Firearms allowed at the range  
July 30th"**

During normal public shooting we do not allow human silhouette or people caricature targets, game animals only. You may not shoot at rocks, birds, or the target frame. For programs or special events and special use permits, the targets may change with safety considerations followed.

This rule, as all range rules are for safety considerations first. Thank you in advance for following our range rules and making everyone's visit fun and safe.

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## JUNE PROGRAMS

### Adult Handgun Series

Wed's, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
6pm to 8pm



This handgun series will bring the beginner or novice shooter to a level of confidence in order to handle and shoot handguns safely and accurately. Must be at least 21 years of age. Does not meet any requirement for conceal carry law.

### Stink Bait- Let's Make Some

Thu, 2<sup>nd</sup> 6pm to 8pm



In this course you will learn how to make your very own HOMEMADE stink bait. You will learn the secrets of the ingredients used and why they attract fish.

### Youth Girls Outdoor Skills Series

Mon's, 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup>  
10am to 2pm



Come join us with a series of outdoor adventures which will include; interpretive nature hikes, wildlife identification, archery shooting, wood working for wildlife, air rifle shooting, outdoor cooking. All curriculums are hands on based activities. Enjoy your summer and learn a new outdoor skill. Youth groups & GSA Troops welcomed!

### General Firearms Maintenance

Fri, 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 8pm



Learn how to properly clean and store your firearms. Topics covered are supplies, solvents, chemicals, storage containers, and periodic inspections of your firearms.

### Youth Missouri Hunter Education Day Camp

Mon, 13<sup>th</sup> thru Fri, 17<sup>th</sup>

8:30pm to 3:30pm each day



This program will include the Missouri Hunter Education Student Course, Shooting instructions with .22 cal. rifles, 20 gauge shotguns, black powder rifles, and archery. The camp will also cover wildlife management needs for Missouri game species and will include a habitat hike on the Forest 44 Conservation Area. All course materials

are taught by certified Missouri Hunter Education Instructors. This camp is a great way to introduce a youth to the exciting sport of hunting. Must be at least 11 years of age and not already HED Student Certified.

### Boy Scouts of America Rifle Merit Badge Program

Wed, 15<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 9pm and

Sat, 18<sup>th</sup> 8am to 12pm



This program is taught by NRA and Missouri Hunter Education Certified Instructors. Program includes 3 hour lecture on firearms safety, firearm nomenclature, ammunition, and shooting fundamentals. The second day will include the live fire proficiency requirements. This popular program fills quickly, schedule your troop early!

### Introduction to Family Camping

Fri, 24<sup>th</sup> 6pm to Sat, 25<sup>th</sup> 9pm



This is a 2 day program that will include an overnight camp-out on the Forest 44 Conservation Area. Basic Camping equipment and supplies will be reviewed. Campfire construction and outdoor cooking will be hands on experience. Come join us for a night under the stars!

### Introduction to GPS and Compass Program

Wed, 29<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 8pm



Learn all about how to use a compass and Global Positioning System. This course will include a lecture and outdoor activity.

## Henges Range Summer Hours

**Wednesdays - 2pm to 8pm**

Thursdays thru Sundays 10am to 4pm

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and have fun.**

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Holidays, along with June 4th**

## Summer Nights are Catfishing Nights

By Tony Legg, Outdoor Education Center Supervisor

Sun setting beautifully over the horizon, warm summer temperatures, lawn chair, jug of lemonade, radio set to the Cardinals game, Coleman lantern, smell of the lake waters, poles out with lines taut just waiting for that tip to start dancing....oh yeah, the smell of stink bait and bug spray too. Yes, summer is here and all I can think about is heading out to the lake and kicking back for some evening catfishing.

My grandfather got me started at this, sitting out on several ponds and lakes in the area. Using fishing as one way to stay active in the outdoors as we waited for the fall hunting seasons to arrive, along with avoiding all the reruns on the TV (now grateful there were no videos and video games then). It was its own little life style, catfishing. You needed to be laid back, slower paced and patient, no fast paced lures to cast and retrieve, no bobbers to watch intensely. Sometimes when the fish hit, you're actually a little perturbed at the interruption.

Fishing poles, line, hooks and bait, maybe some stink bait, chicken livers or gizzards, shrimp, or one I caught several out of my

grandfather's farm pond on--bacon. Everyone has their own magical bait they love to use for catfish and usually it's pretty smelly. Of course when I was younger I didn't remember a towel or waste time with washing my hands in the lake, so mom got some unique smelling pants in the clothes hamper on several occasions.

As the night wears on and the ball game comes to an end, you start to notice the sounds of frogs, fish slapping top water, coyotes howling, owls hooting and your stringer getting heavier. Finding a lake out away from the town and away from light poles was the best. The night skies were so clear that stars appeared to blanket the sky. Then another pole bender would hit, finally the time comes to pack up and leave. Another great night spent with my family or friends.

Then depending on the mood and company, maybe a late night catfish fry. And at other times it was into the fridge with them and off to bed. Sometimes the fish just needed grandma's touch later to taste just right. Summer nights, yes they're catfishing nights, some of the best nights of summer in my book.

So now get out there and create some memories yourself, take a kid with you and pass it on, let them create their own memories to pass on to their kids and following generations.



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## Youth Archery Program

**Fri, 1<sup>st</sup> 6pm to 8pm**

This class is designed to teach students the fundamentals of archery shooting. This course will cover equipment, arrows, fletching, and archery safety.



## Rifle Shooting Series

**Wed's, 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup>**

**6pm to 8pm**

Learn the basics of how to safely handle, load & unload, hold, aim, and fire a rifle. Shooting fundamentals and projectile placement will be a major part of this program.



## Night Fishing Program

**Fri, 8<sup>th</sup> 8pm to 12am**

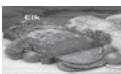
This program will include a 2 hour lecture with a short trip to a local fishing hole. This program will teach you to beat the summer heat and still enjoy some summer fishing opportunities!



## Let's Smoke some Wild Game

**Sat, 9<sup>th</sup> 12pm to 2pm**

Learn the basics of smoking meats, fowl, and fish with a kettle. Equipment, supplies, and wood selections will be discussed. Come sample the smoke flavor.



## Youth Hunter Education Challenge Camp

**Mon, 11<sup>th</sup> thru Fri, 15<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30pm to 3:30pm**

Participating youths must be 11 to 17 years old and Hunter Education Certified. This program is an advanced youth hunter education training course that will include live firing exercises with .22 & .243 cal. rifles, 20 gauge shotguns, black powder rifles, and archery. Shooting fundamentals will be a very active part of this camp. Lecture



## JULY PROGRAMS

presentations consist of: Missouri Wildlife Regulations, Wildlife Identification, Wildlife Needs & Preferences, Wildlife Management Techniques, with a habitat hike on the Forest 44 Conservation Area. Hunting strategies for small game furred & feathered, turkey, deer, and waterfowl. Youths will receive instruction on the use of topographic maps and compass.

## Cooking with Dutch Ovens

**Sat, 16<sup>th</sup> 10am to 1pm**

We will be "hands on" cooking with Dutch ovens and charcoal. We will prepare a meal with all the fixings from start to finish and will provide you with tasty recipes.



## Rifle Fundamentals for Disabled Shooters

**Fri, 22<sup>nd</sup> 6pm to 9pm and**

**Sat, 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am to 12pm**

Learn the basics of shooting a rifle. The shooter will learn firearms safety, rifle nomenclature, ammunition, shooting fundamentals, and will include a live fire exercise on the range.



## Youth Outdoor Skills Series

**Tue, 26<sup>th</sup>, Thu, 28<sup>th</sup> & Fri 29<sup>th</sup>**

**10am to 2pm**

Course series will include introduction to camping, campfire construction, outdoor cooking, woodworking for wildlife, wildlife identification, and archery shooting.



## Firearms Manufactures Show

**Sat, 30<sup>th</sup> 10am to 4pm**

Come see the new line of firearms before the 2005-2006 hunting seasons. Several firearm manufactures will be on site to give you the opportunity to test fire their new product line of shotguns, rifles, and handguns.



## Frequently Asked Questions about Trapshooting

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**Can I bring my children?** Of course you can. It is a family sport. Children as tall as your nylons trap shoot. There's no age limitations, generally. You should attend a range or registered shoot to see just how much fun the entire family is really having.

**Shotguns recoil don't they?** Yes, but low-power loads are used and the recoil reduction shooting vests and shock absorber devices diminish jolts. Don't worry about recoil, it won't hurt you. If you shoot a gun that fits you, recoil will not be a problem...and it won't punch you in the shoulder like you see in movies. The trap shotguns and shells are in comparison safe and sane versions.

**I can't play golf due to injuries. Can I shoot a shotgun?** Yes. Many people with injuries and our disabled citizens in wheelchairs trap shoot. Unlike golf, bowling or tennis, there is no extreme twisting of the body when trapshooting. No exertion is required. It's a life long sport. The typical gun only weighs 8-pounds and the angle of swing is very shallow to point the muzzle at the target. Trap shooting is a great sport for persons with disabilities.

**I don't like hunting so shotguns and I won't mix?** Absolutely not. Many trapshooters don't hunt at all. They simply enjoy shooting at fast flying clay targets. Trap shooting is a different sport. There is

money to win in clay target shooting, fine silver and gold gift prizes, even new cars and trucks!

**I'm too nervous to begin. What should I do?** First, visit a range or gun club that offers trapshooting and tell the management, "I've never fired a shotgun before. Can you show me how to play this trapshooting game?" That's all you need to do. They will show you the game...and you'll be glad you came. And watch for free lessons on shotgun shooting, trap and skeet at Busch & Henges Ranges.

**What can be so fun about shooting at a clay target?** Oh, you just have to experience the thrill for yourself. I guarantee it will be fun, fun, fun! This is a sport where all ages mix and mingle and compete against each other in a well-managed environment.

**Is the sport stressful?** It can be if you are a serious competitor. But most people come just to shoot and have fun. If so, the stress relief is incredible as you smoke those targets into balls of dust. Frankly, I started trapshooting after I found how much fun it was ...and it was stress-reliever! So if you are suffering from "stress" trapshooting can take a ton off your mind. It's really therapeutic.

**Will I be accepted in the group?** Oh, yes. You will, you will. You'll meet so many friendly people you'll wonder why you didn't get into trapshooting years ago. Just show up and be yourself and you'll fit right in.



# St. Louis Region Hunter Education Certification Courses

ALL COURSES ARE FREE OF CHARGE TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS NOTED  
(additional courses listed on range program pages)

The Missouri Hunter Education Certification Course is a mandatory requirement for anyone born on or after January 1, 1967 to purchase a firearm hunting permit or deer and turkey transportation tags. Many of our free youth managed hunts and clinics require both youth and adult to be certified.

Open to ages 11 and up, youth ages 11 thru 13 must have an adult attend with them, ages 15 and younger must bring birth certificate, ages 16 and older must have a valid ID. Students must attend all sessions and pass an exam to become certified.

Topics included: hunter ethics and responsibility, firearms and ammunition, firearms safety, hunter preparation, first aid and survival, hunter skills, primitive hunting equipment, and wildlife conservation, management and identification.

Seating is limited, so reserve your place early and check on any special requirements, bringing of lunches, or fees needed for that location. All regional classes scheduled can be seen on the regional web site at: [www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/stlouis](http://www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/stlouis)

## Franklin County

*Location:* Union Firehouse #1

*Date:* June 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup>

*Time:* 6:30pm to 10pm each night

*Registration#:* (636) 583-8471

*Remarks:* \$3 fee by facility

*Location:* Union Firehouse #1

*Date:* July 27<sup>th</sup> thru 29<sup>th</sup>

*Time:* 6:30pm to 10pm each night

*Registration#:* (636) 583-8471

*Remarks:* \$3 fee by facility

## Jefferson County

*Location:* Jefferson College

*Date:* July 25<sup>th</sup> thru 29<sup>th</sup>

*Time:* 6:30pm to 9:30pm each night

*Registration#:* (636) 797-3000 ext 144

*Remarks:* \$3 fee by facility

## St. Charles County

*Location:* St. Charles Community College

*Date:* July 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

*Time:* 9am to 4pm each day

*Registration#:* (636) 922-8233

*Remarks:* \$5 fee by facility

## St. Louis County

*Location:* Florissant Valley Comm. College

*Date:* July 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

*Time:* 9am to 4pm each day

*Registration#:* (314) 595-4444

*Remarks:* \$5 fee by facility



## Hunter Education Instructor Certification Courses

*Location:* Busch Conservation Area

*Date:* July 22nd and 23rd

*Time:* Friday evening 6pm - 9pm and Saturday 9am - 4pm

*Registration#:* Kurt Otterstein (636) 441-4554

*Location:* Union Missouri

*Date:* July 23rd

*Time:* All Day (12 hours)

*Registration#:* Conrad Mallady at (573) 468-3335

## Bowhunter Education Instructor Certification Course

*Location:* Busch Conservation Area

*Date:* July 8th and 9th

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*Registration#:* Kurt Otterstein (636) 441-4554

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● One of the primary purposes of hunting is to exercise our need  
● to remain a part of the natural world. We still have the desire to  
● participate in the natural process. Our developed world is  
● becoming separated from nature; it is becoming artificial. Even  
● the outdoors is often delivered through the window of a tour  
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● mock reality. Hunting is one of the last ways we have to exercise  
● or passion to belong to the earth, to be part of the natural world,  
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### **August**

#### **At Busch**

2nd Archery Equipment Maintenance  
10th Shotgun Shell Reloading  
25th Hands-On Tree Stand Safety Training

#### **At Henges**

12th & 13th Shotgun Fundamentals for Disabled Shooters  
17th Family Archery Program  
26th & 27th Youth Squirrel Hunting Clinic

### **September**

On the 24th Both facilities will be celebrating National  
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#### **At Henges**

2nd & 3rd Youth Dove Hunting Clinic  
17th Youth Waterfowl Hunting Clinic  
21st White Tail Deer Field to Freezer

#### **At Busch**

1st Duck Calling Seminar with the Pro  
3rd White Tail Deer Field to Freezer  
30th Youth Upland Bird Hunting Clinic

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